



**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
FIRE SERVICE POLICY**

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Section:	5900 – Specific Procedures	Date Revised:	July 10, 2023
SUBJECT: SEWAGE SPILLS			
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1.0 Procedure

- 1.1 Reports of sewage spills under 1,000 gallons should be handled as a public works incident. Dispatch or relay the incident to the public works department with jurisdiction, as appropriate.
- 1.2 Reports of sewage spills over 1,000 gallons are considered to be hazardous material incidents. Dispatch fire apparatus as recommended by CAD and in accordance with Policy No. 5900 (Hazardous Materials). Normally, the escalation of a sewage spill to a hazardous material incident will occur at the request of an on-scene public works department.